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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT ...

Q+A WITH COMMISSIONER REVICZKY

Are you originally from Connecticut?

Yes, I was born at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam and grew up in Ashford, where I lived until 2008. Then I moved to my current home in Coventry.

When did you get your first taste of agriculture?

I have been involved in some form of farming and agriculture my whole life. My grandparents were dairy farmers in Ashford, and I spent a good deal of time on their farm as a kid. My parents owned and operated the general store in town, and my mother would send my brothers and me to the farm during the day so she could mind the store. It was a great experience. At home we raised sheep, chickens, and ducks, and had huge vegetable gardens, in which we grew sweet corn, cucumbers, beans, tomatoes, carrots, peppers, onions, radishes, summer squash, and winter squash, among other crops. We tapped our own trees and made maple syrup each year. And we had a smokehouse, which we used to smoke fish, ham, bacon, and cheese. It was a terrific place to grow up.

Did you have any off-farm interests as a child?

Other than farming, my greatest interest was government and politics. I was actually appointed to my first town board while I was still in high school. My senior year, after I had turned 18, I served on Ashford's Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission. I was elected a town selectman while in college at UConn, and then became the first selectman of Ashford at the age of 26.

What were your career goals at that age?

Well, life is all about opportunities and chance, and I was fortunate enough to have a series of opportunities to pursue my interests in government. After my first term as Ashford's first selectman, I returned to the state Capitol—where I had interned and worked in the Office of Policy and Management and was the assistant clerk to the Education Committee—to clerk the Public Safety Committee. Then an opportunity arose for me to become the executive assistant to a deputy commissioner at the Department of Environmental Protection.

So you worked for the state before now?

Yes, I was at DEP from 1989 until 1998. Then I came to work here at the Department of Agriculture in the Farmland Preservation Program, where I stayed until 2006. At that time, the position at Connecticut Farm Bureau opened up, and I had the opportunity to become their executive director. It was that role and experience that led Governor Dannel Malloy to appoint me to my latest and most exciting opportunity to date, commissioner of the Department of Agriculture.

Did you ever envision yourself as the state's agriculture commissioner?

No, never. But I'm absolutely thrilled to be here. It's just amazing how things work out and how I've gotten this perfect chance to combine interest in and passion for agriculture and government, and to build upon my family and professional experience in this way.



Commissioner Reviczky talks with author and local food advocate Terry Walters at opening day of the Billings Forge Farmers' Market, May 5, 2011.

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ORGANIC FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

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|-------------------------|-------|-------|
| ASPARAGUS,11lb | 51.50 | 51.50 |
| BASIL,1lb,ga | 8.25 | 8.25 |
| BLUEBERRIES,12/6oz,GA | 33.00 | 33.00 |
| BOK CHOY,35lb,FL | 44.75 | 44.75 |
| CILANTRO,30s,CA | 35.75 | 35.75 |
| DANDELION GRNS,12s,GA | 28.75 | 28.75 |
| GREEN BEANS,bu,FL | 56.75 | 56.75 |
| LEEKs,12s,CA | 46.00 | 52.00 |
| LETTUCE,greenlf,24ct,CA | 41.00 | 41.00 |
| MANGOES,10ct,MX | 12.00 | 12.00 |
| MUSHRM,wht,10lb,lg,PA | 25.50 | 25.50 |
| NECTARINES,1/2bu,NC | 55.00 | 55.00 |
| ONION,40lb,vidalia,GA | 36.75 | 36.75 |
| PEACHES,60ct,NC | 46.25 | 46.35 |
| PEAS,snow,10lb,GA | 23.50 | 23.50 |
| PEPPER,green bell,xl,FL | 62.50 | 62.50 |
| RASPBERRIES,12/6oz,CA | 40.00 | 40.00 |
| STRWBRY,8/1lb,CA | 26.00 | 26.00 |

NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION

May 23, 2011

Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

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|------------|-------------|-------------|
| 49-54 | 220-270 lbs | 68.00-72.00 |
| | 270-400 lbs | 62.00-66.00 |
| | 300-400 lbs | n/a |
| 45-49 | 220-270 lbs | n/a |
| Sows: US 1 | 300-500 lbs | 47.50-50.00 |
| | 500-700 lbs | 53.00-54.50 |
| Boars: | 300-800 lbs | 28.00-32.00 |

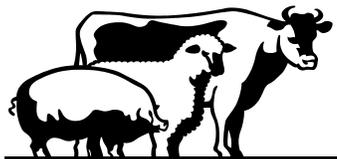
MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, Conn., May 23, 2011

Live animals brought the following average prices / cwt.

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| Bob Calves: | Low | High |
| 45-60 lbs. | 25.00 | 30.00 |
| 61-75 lbs. | 62.50 | 66.50 |
| 76-90 lbs. | 70.00 | 72.50 |
| 91-105 lbs. | 75.00 | 85.00 |
| 106 lbs. & up | 95.00 | 100.00 |
| Farm Calves | 125.00 | 135.00 |
| Started Calves | 30.00 | 60.00 |
| Veal Calves | 80.00 | 112.50 |
| Open Heifers | 70.00 | 110.00 |
| Beef Heifers | 76.00 | 90.00 |
| Feeder Steers | 80.00 | 107.50 |
| Beef Steers | 75.00 | 85.00 |
| Stock Bulls | 85.00 | 110.00 |
| Beef Bulls | 74.00 | 92.00 |
| Butcher Hogs | 75.00 | 135.00 |
| Lambs each | 60.00 | 185.00 |
| Goats each | 65.00 | 185.00 |
| Kid Goats each | 45.00 | 90.00 |
| Canners | Up to | 66.50 |
| Cutters | 70.00 | 75.00 |
| Utility Grade Cows | 76.00 | 80.00 |
| Rabbits each | 5.00 | 27.00 |
| Chickens each | 4.00 | 20.00 |
| Ducks each | 6.00 | 10.00 |

Auction will be open Memorial Day, 5/30



FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

| | | |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|
| ASPARAGUS,24bnchs | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| BEAN SPROUTS,10lb,filn | 4.50 | 5.00 |
| CHIVES,1lb,bnchd,12s | 8.00 | 8.00 |
| FIDDLEHEADS,fern,lb | 4.00 | 4.50 |
| LETTUCE, boston,GH,12/4oz | 14.00 | 16.00 |
| RHUBARB,20lb | 30.00 | 30.00 |
| SPINACH,12bnchs | 12.00 | 12.00 |
| TOMATOES,GH,25 loose | 12.00 | 14.00 |

SHIPPED IN

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|----------------------------------|-------|-------|
| APRICOTS,72ct,CA | 32.00 | 33.00 |
| ARUGULA,4/4 bu,NJ | 13.00 | 13.00 |
| BEANS,green,bu,GA | 22.00 | 26.00 |
| BLUEBERRIES,md,12/1pt,NC | 22.00 | 26.00 |
| BOK CHOY,50lb,NJ | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| CABBAGE,green,md,50lb,FL | 11.00 | 15.00 |
| CABBAGE,nappa,50lb,NJ | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| CANTALOUPE,9ct,GU | 9.00 | 12.00 |
| CARROTS,50lb,md/lg,GA | 29.00 | 30.00 |
| CHERRY,16lb,9-1/2rows,CA | 55.00 | 65.00 |
| CILANTRO,1/2 bu,NJ | 12.00 | 12.00 |
| COLLARD,green,1-3/5bu,NJ | 11.00 | 13.00 |
| CUCUMBERS,1-1/9bu,md,GA | 11.00 | 16.00 |
| DANDELION GRNS,crate,NJ | 16.00 | 16.00 |
| EGGPLANT,1-1/9bu,md,FL | 16.00 | 20.00 |
| ESCAROLE,1-1/9bu,NJ | 20.00 | 22.00 |
| KALE,16-18s,NJ | 12.00 | 13.00 |
| KOHLRABI,1-3/5bu,NJ | 16.00 | 18.00 |
| LEEKs,12s,NJ | 25.00 | 26.00 |
| LETTUCE,greenlf,24ct,NJ | 13.00 | 15.00 |
| LETTUCE,romaine,24ct,NJ | 15.00 | 16.00 |
| MUSHROOM,10lb,wht,lg,PA | 16.50 | 17.50 |
| PAPAYA,8ct,HI | 21.00 | 21.00 |
| PEACHES,1/2 bu,2-1/2min,SC | 16.00 | 16.00 |
| PEAS,snow,10lb,GU | 14.00 | 15.00 |
| PEAS,english,bu,FL | 36.00 | 40.00 |
| PEPPER,red,11lb,GH,xl,CN | 21.00 | 26.00 |
| PEPPER, green bell,1-1/9bu xl,FL | 16.00 | 20.00 |
| POTATOES,50lb,wht,szA,FL | 21.00 | 25.00 |

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Monday, May 23, 2011

| | | | |
|--|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| | Bulk/ | High/ | Low Dressing |
| SLAUGHTER COWS: | | | |
| Breakers | 75-80%lean | | |
| | 77.00-84.00 | 83.00 -87.00 | 72.00-76.50 |
| Boners | 80-85% lean | | |
| | 74.00-77.50 | 82.00-84.00 | 70.00-73.00 |
| Lean | 85-90% lean | | |
| | 68.50-73.50 | 74.00-79.50 | 63.00-68.00 |
| SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1 | | | |
| | 1465-1915 lbs | 90.50-93.00 | |
| CALVES: All prices per cwt. | | | |
| Holstein Bull Calves: Number 1 | | | |
| | 95-120 lbs | 155.00-170.00 | |
| | 80-90LBS | -140.00-150.00 | |
| Holstein Heifers: Number 1 | | | |
| | 90-120 lbs | 240.00-310.00 | |
| SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets: | | | |
| Wooled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3 | | | |
| | 40-60 lbs | 218.00-250.00 | |
| | 60-80 lbs | 205.00-224.00 | |
| | 80-90 lbs | 209.00-224.00 | |
| | 90-110 lbs | 199.00-214.00 | |
| | 110-130 lbs | 208.00-213.00 | |
| | 130-150 | N/A | |

WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

Prices paid per dozen. Grade A brown egg in carton delivered store door. (Range)

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|------------|---------|
| XTRA LARGE | 137-149 |
| LARGE | 126-139 |
| MEDIUM | 118-128 |

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

May 23, 2011

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers. USDA Grade A and Grade A, white eggs in cartons, warehouse, centers per dozen. (Range)

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| EXTRA LARGE | 88-102 |
| LARGE | 81-95 |
| MEDIUM | 78-91 |



PENNSYLVANIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT

May 23, 2011

Hay and straw market for eastern Pennsylvania. All hay prices paid by dealers at the farm and per ton.

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| | Premium |
| Alfalfa | 200.00-225.00 |
| Mixed Hay | 200.00-225.00 |
| Straw | 100.00-170.00 |
| | Good |
| Alfalfa | 160.00-200.00 |
| Mixed Hay | 170.00-200.00 |
| Timothy | 145.00-165.00 |
| | Fair |
| Alfalfa | 140.00-160.00 |
| Mixed Hay | 130.00-170.00 |
| Timothy | 130.00-150.00 |

Wooled & Shorn Choice 2-3

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|--|---------------|
| 40-60 lbs | 186.00-204.00 |
| 60-80 lbs | 178.00-199.00 |
| 80-90 lbs | 180.00-193.00 |
| 90-110lbs | 180.00-198.00 |
| 110-130lbs | N/A |
| SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh | |
| 120-160 lbs | 76.00-90.00 |
| 160-200 lbs | 68.00-82.00 |
| 200-300lbs | 65.00-80.00 |
| Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh | |
| 120-160 lbs | 56.00-72.00 |
| 160-200 lbs | 59.00-72.00 |
| SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on estimated weights. | |
| Kids: 40-60 lbs | 122.00-158.00 |
| 60-80 lbs | 157.00-186.00 |
| 80-90 lbs | 173.00-185.00 |
| 90-100lbs | 184.00-192.00 |
| 100-110lbs | 192.00-200.00 |
| Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs | 138.00-151.00 |
| 130-180 lbs | 144.00-158.00 |
| Bucks/Billies: 100-150 lbs | 203.00-216.00 |
| 150 250 lbs | 225.00-242.00 |

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HOOP HOUSE HOW-TO SLIDESHOW

The Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture has posted a free online slideshow about building a hoop house. It is divided into five parts: (1) introduction; (2) bending the hoops; (3) attaching ropes, standing hoops; (4) attaching plastic to hoops; and (5) endwalls, costs, resources. Available at <http://www.kerrcenter.com/publications/hoophouse/hoophouse-how-to-slideshow.htm>.

CONNECTICUT FARM ENERGY FAIR JULY 21, 2011

The Connecticut Farm Energy Fair will be held from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 21, 2011, at Eastern CT State University. Admission for agricultural producers will be free; a light dinner will be provided. This event will allow producers to see real, practical solutions with the latest technology available to help cut energy costs and reduce carbon emissions. Attendees will be able to see first-hand the opportunities for diversification in energy crops, energy generation, and steps to take for energy efficiency on the farm. Keynote speaker will be UConn Professor Richard Parnas. His talk entitled "How We can Produce and Use Biofuels In Connecticut" will address what the future holds for biofuels in Connecticut. The Connecticut Farm Energy Program is a partnership between Eastern CT RC&D Area, Inc., and USDA-Rural Development.

Q+A WITH COMMISSIONER REVICZKY (continued from Page 1)

You really seem to love your job. Is there anything about it that you don't love or that you find difficult?

As commissioner, one of my responsibilities is making the final judgment in hearings on dogs that have bitten someone. The circumstances are not always black and white in these cases, but it is up to me to determine the dog's fate. It's something I don't take lightly, and it can be very difficult.

And, of course, operating in the current budget climate is extremely challenging. I look forward to working through these difficult times and reaching brighter days when we do not have to worry about laying off staff or figuring out how to pay the agency's bills.

What is your favorite thing about the job?

The greatest part, to me, is the opportunity to make positive changes. It is an extremely exciting time to be engaged in farming and agriculture. The sky is the limit in terms of what we can achieve. For example, the recent passage into law of *An Act Concerning Farms, Food, and Jobs* (Public Act 10-103) opens the door for increased production of value-added products and Connecticut Grown poultry, which will benefit both the farmers and consumers of the state. I worked on the passage of this bill last year while I was still at the Connecticut Farm Bureau, and now I am in a position to help implement those changes and to see our state's producers realize the great potential those changes present. It is extremely gratifying to watch it come full circle and be involved all along the way.

What goals do you have for the agency now that you are commissioner?

First, I would like to stabilize our workforce and ensure that the Department of Agriculture has the capacity to fulfill its statutory responsibilities and its public health and safety mission. I want to continue to grow Connecticut agriculture. We have tremendous opportunity to integrate new technology into current farm practices, leading to lower production costs and reduced environmental impact. These are win-win solutions for all involved. I'm eager and excited to make this happen.

News and events from local agricultural organizations are published on a first-come, first-served basis as space allows. Submit concise summaries (150 words maximum) to linda.piotrowicz@ct.gov for consideration. There is no guarantee that submissions will be published.

2011 FARM-TO-CHEF WEEK WILL RUN SEPT 18-24

This year's Farm-to-Chef Week will run September 18-24, 2011. Open to all restaurants and foodservice businesses in the state, it invites participants to create a special Farm-to-Chef menu that showcases Connecticut Grown ingredients and wines.

This promotion is an initiative of the department's Farm-to-Chef Program, which connects farmers and distributors of Connecticut Grown products with chefs and other culinary professionals. Last year's event attracted over 80 restaurants, caterers, schools, farms, wineries, and other eateries. Participants created unique, diverse menus offered at multi-course farm dinners, food-trucks, white-tablecloth restaurants, coffee shops, school cafeterias, and ice cream parlors. Featured Connecticut Grown ingredients included produce, herbs, meats, seafood, dairy, maple, honey, and more.

Restaurants and food venues interested in participating can download the guidelines and registration forms at www.CTGrown.gov (look under featured links). **The deadline to register is June 30, 2011.** For more information, contact Linda Piotrowicz at Linda.Piotrowicz@ct.gov or 860-713-2558.

CT POMOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING MAY 31

The CT Pomological Society's first twilight meeting of 2011 will be held May 31, 2011, from 5:30 p.m. until dark at March Farms, 160 Munger Lane, Bethlehem. The tour will cover the greenhouse-to-mato operation, orchards, and the new hayloft playscape. A picnic dinner will be held after the tour. Open to members and nonmembers; children welcome. RSVP Richard.Macsuga@ct.gov (preferred) or 860-713-2544.

UCONN COLLEGE OF AG AND NATURAL RESOURCES ANNOUNCES NEW NEWSLETTER

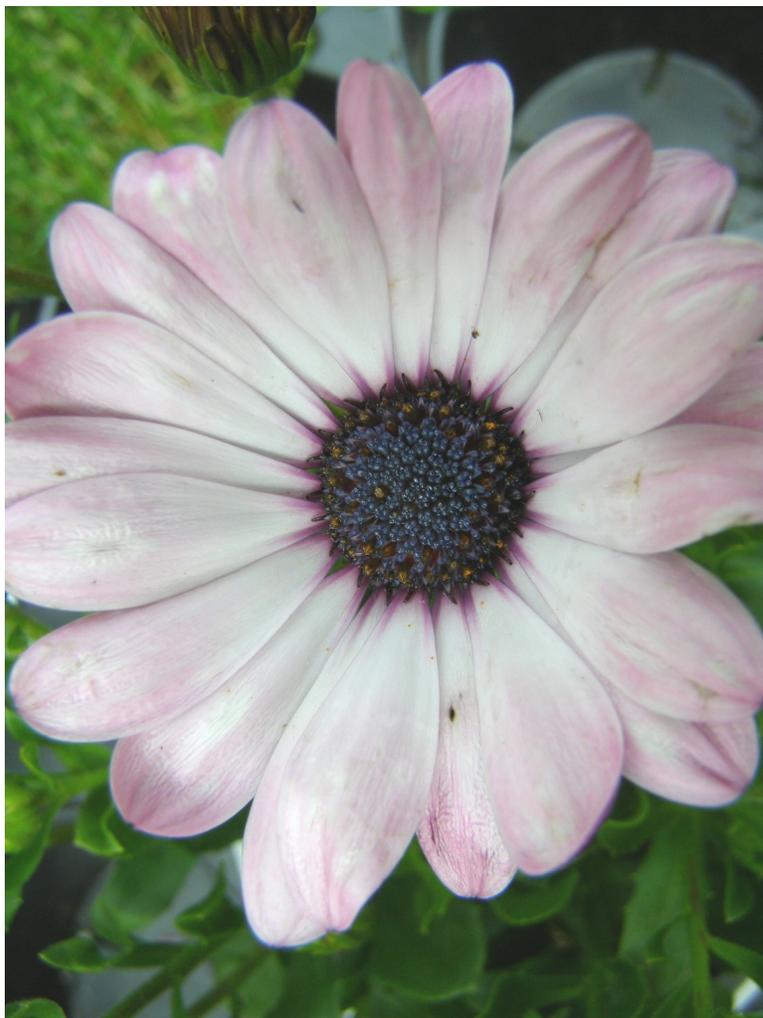
The University of Connecticut's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources has a new newsletter. Go to www.naturally.uconn.edu to view the current issue and to sign up (lower right corner) to receive future issues by email.

FSA PROGRAM DEADLINE REMINDERS

Marsha B. Jetté, State Executive Director of the Connecticut Farm Service Agency, reminds producers of FSA deadlines:

- May 31, 2011 - 2010 crop year final loan availability for corn, soybeans, grain sorghum
- June 1, 2011 - 2011 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) enrollment and 2011 Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program election
- July 15, 2011 - 2011 crop year acreage reporting for most crops and filing of 2010 production reports for most Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) crops.
- July 29, 2011 - 2009 Supplemental Revenue Assistance (SURE) Program signup
- August 1, 2011 - Requests for 2011 farm reconstitution

Farmers should contact their local county office to set up appointments before the enrollment deadlines. Sign-ups for several other programs are ongoing. For more information contact your county FSA office or visit the FSA website at: www.fsa.usda.gov.



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